

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

00-06307 CR-DIMITROULEAS  
CASE NO.

49 U.S.C. 46312

18 U.S.C. 2

MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SNOW

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

v. )

VALERIE ENRIQUE )

and )

AIRBAGS EXPRESS, INC. )

Defendants. )

INDICTMENT


The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT I

BACKGROUND

At all times material to this Indictment:

1. Congress had recodified certain statutes regulating the transportation of hazardous materials at 49 U.S.C. §5101, et seq., with the purpose of making transportation of hazardous materials safer and to adequately protect people and property from the dangers inherent in the transportation of hazardous materials by improving the regulatory and enforcement authority of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT).
2. Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 171 through 180, set forth the

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regulations for all modes of transportation of hazardous materials, including transportation in air commerce . Any person or entity offering hazardous materials for transport by air must ensure that the hazardous materials shipment is properly classified, documented, described, packaged, marked and labeled in accordance with the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), as more fully set forth below.

3. The means for identifying whether a material is a hazardous material and the trigger for application of the HMR is the Hazardous Materials Table, 49 C.F.R. §172.101, which lists more than 2,700 specific materials. Under the HMRs, it is the shipper's responsibility to determine the proper shipping name.
4. Under 49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart C, each person who offers a hazardous material for transportation shall describe the hazardous material on the shipping papers in the manner required by the subpart. A person offering hazardous material for transportation in commerce has the obligation to prepare the shipping papers and deliver them to the carrier. 49 U.S.C. §5110(a). With limited exceptions, every shipping paper must bear a signed statement by the shipper certifying that the shipment complies with all applicable DOT requirements. 49 C.F.R. §172.204.
5. 49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart D, specifies marking requirements for hazardous materials containers and packaging, which identifies the materials being shipped.

6. In addition to marking a package containing a hazardous material, the shipper must also label it with the label specified for the material in the Hazardous Material Table, in a specified location on the package. See 49 C.F.R. §172.400 (general labeling requirements); 49 C.F.R. §172.406 (placement). The label identifies a broader category of hazard to which the material belongs, e.g., corrosive, explosive, poison, etc.
  
7. Under 49 C.F.R. §172.702, an employer who uses one or more of its employees in connection with transporting hazardous materials in commerce or causing hazardous materials to be transported or shipped in commerce and directly affects hazardous materials transportation safety must ensure that each such employee is trained in accordance with the requirements in the subpart. Such employees may not load, unload or handle hazardous material; prepare hazardous material for transportation; or be responsible for the safety of such transportation unless trained in accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. §172.702. It is the duty of each such employer to comply with the applicable requirements for training and to instruct each such employee in relation thereto. The employer must ensure that such employees are tested by appropriate means on the subjects covered in 49 C.F.R. §172.704. Recurrent training is required every three years, 49 C.F.R. §172.704(c)(2), including the ability of the employee to recognize and identify hazardous materials consistent with the hazard communication standards of the subchapter.

8. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 172.101, 173.166, the contents of the five packages, described below, would properly be identified as "Air bag modules, a Class 9 dangerous goods, UN 3268, Packing Group III".

9. On or about November 30, 1999, at Davie, in Broward County, in the Southern District of Florida, the defendants,


**VALERIE ENRIQUE,  
and  
AIRBAGS EXPRESS, INC.,**


did wilfully deliver and cause to be delivered property containing hazardous materials, to wit: approximately nine (9) automobile air bag modules, a Class 9 dangerous good, to an air carrier for transportation in air commerce, in violation of the regulations and requirements prescribed by the Secretary of Transportation as set forth in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 171 et seq.

All in violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46312 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

  
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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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ASSISTANT U. S. ATTORNEY

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CERTIFICATE OF TRIAL ATTORNEY\*

Superseding Case Information:

MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SNOW

Court Division: (Select One)

☐ Miami ☐ Key West  
☒ FTL ☐ WPB ☐ FTP

New Defendant(s) Yes ☐ No ☐  
Number of New Defendants ☐  
Total number of counts ☐

I do hereby certify that:

1. I have carefully considered the allegations of the indictment, the number of defendants, the number of probable witnesses and the legal complexities of the Indictment/Information attached hereto.

2. I am aware that the information supplied on this statement will be relied upon by the Judges of this Court in setting their calendars and scheduling criminal trials under the mandate of the Speedy Trial Act, Title 28 U.S.C. Section 3161.

3. Interpreter: (Yes or No) NO  
List language and/or dialect ☐

4. This case will take 2 days for the parties to try.

5. Please check appropriate category and type of offense listed below:  
(Check only one) (Check only one)

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II	6 to 10 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	Minor	<input type="checkbox"/>
III	11 to 20 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	Misdem.	<input type="checkbox"/>
IV	21 to 60 days	<input type="checkbox"/>	Felony	<u>X</u>
V	61 days and over	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6. Has this case been previously filed in this District Court? (Yes or No) NO

If yes:

Judge: ☐ Case No. ☐

(Attach copy of dispositive order)

Has a complaint been filed in this matter?(Yes or No) NO

If yes:

Magistrate Case No. ☐

Related Miscellaneous numbers: ☐

Defendant(s) in federal custody as of ☐

Defendant(s) in state custody as of ☐

Rule 20 from the ☐ District of ☐

Is this a potential death penalty case? (Yes or No) NO

7. Does this case originate from a matter pending in the U. S. Attorney's Office prior to April 1, 1999? ☐ Yes X No If yes, was it pending in the Central Region? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
PENALTY SHEET

00-66307 CR-DIMITROULEAS

Defendant's Name: VALERE LIRIQUE

MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SNOW

Count #: 1

Willful delivery of property containing hazardous material to an air carrier for transportation in air commerce

\*Max. 5 years imprisonment

Count #:

\*Max. Penalty:

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PENALTY SHEET

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Defendant's Name: AIRBAGS EXPRESS, INC.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
SNOW

Count #: 1

Willful delivery of property containing hazardous material to an air carrier for transportation in air commerce

\*Max. \$500,000 fine

Count #:

\*Max. Penalty:

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CRIMINAL COVER SHEET

1. Did this case originate from a matter pending in the United States Attorney's Office prior to April 1, 1999? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ X No
2. Did this case originate from a matter pending in the Central Region of the United States Attorney's Office prior to April 1, 1999? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ X No

Respectfully submitted,

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